

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 959

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Etta Mae Driver Rayborn on the celebration of her seventy-fifth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Etta Mae Driver Rayborn will celebrate her seventy-fifth birthday on November 3, 2012, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, 1937, the year of her birth, was a watershed period in our nation's history, with countless pivotal and groundbreaking events occurring throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Amelia Earhart disappeared while on flight across the Pacific Ocean, the Zeppelin Hindenburg exploded, and the Lincoln Tunnel and Golden Gate Bridge were opened to the public; and

WHEREAS, General Motors introduced the automatic transmission, an electric washing machine cost \$48.95, a Baby Ruth cost five cents, a pack of Wrigley's Gum cost thirty-seven cents, and ivory soap was forty-five cents; and

WHEREAS, 1937 also saw Joe Louis win the heavyweight boxing championship, Count Basie composed the song *One O'Clock Jump*, and Artie Shaw formed a swing band that featured Billie Holiday as vocalist, and

WHEREAS, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was in the White House, *Gone With The Wind* won the Pulitzer Prize, and Walt Disney produced the first feature-length cartoon, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*; and

WHEREAS, 1937 was a truly wonderful year in which Bill Cosby, Dustin Hoffman, Jane Fonda, and, most importantly, Etta Mae Driver Rayborn entered the world; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rayborn was born, along with her twin brother, Richard Eason, on November 3, 1937, in Hernando, Mississippi to her proud parents, Tommie and Minnie Mae Eason; and

WHEREAS, raised in Hughes, Arkansas, Etta Mae Rayborn was joined in holy matrimony to David Driver, and the loving couple moved to Chicago, Illinois to raise their family; and

WHEREAS, a woman of true elegance and virtue, Mrs. Rayborn has led an exemplary life, selflessly devoting many of her days to raising her children, David, Jr., Barbara Joyce, Linda Ann, and our esteemed colleague, Representative Karen Camper, with the utmost character, motherly love, and moral integrity; and

WHEREAS, this dearly beloved matriarch is also the devoted grandmother of fifteen grandchildren, twenty-six great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, she wisely decided to return to the South and has been a highly respected member of the Memphis community ever since; and

WHEREAS, as Etta Mae Driver Rayborn sails gracefully through her eighth decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various church, civic, and community events, as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Etta Mae Driver Rayborn on the celebration of her seventy-fifth birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.